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To: All Media Outlets
From: Kendra Amaral, Town Manager
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RE: Press Release – Phased Reopening Update

Following the State's lifting of some COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols, the Town of Kittery will be following suit by beginning its next phase of reopening.

Effective April 1, 2021, the Town will end its local Emergency Proclamation, and begin lifting some restrictions to allow for many services and activities to resume with appropriate safety precautions.

The Governor's Emergency Declaration and Executive Orders regarding face coverings, gatherings and capacity limits remain in effect, and will continue to govern safety protocols in public spaces and private businesses in Kittery.

With that in mind, the Town of Kittery will be implementing the following changes:

Town Hall

Customers are encouraged to utilize online services for their Town Hall transactions. For more information on all of the contact-free services and resources available, please visit the Town of Kittery website by [clicking here](#).

- Customers will be required to wear a face covering and follow social distancing protocols by maintaining a distance of 6 ft from each other at all times, while visiting.
- Restrictions to the flow of foot traffic both entering and exiting Town Hall will be lifted effective Monday, April 5, 2021.
- The Planning & Code office will reopen for regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, effective Monday, April 5, 2021.
- The Town Hall Administrative Offices will remain closed to the public at this time.

Resource Recovery Facility

- The Freebie Barn will remain closed at this time.

Community Center

The Community Center is currently open for regular business hours, Monday – Thursday from 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Saturdays from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Sundays from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. For more information about the Community Center’s services and to make reservations, please [click here](#).

- Patrons will be required to wear a face covering and follow social distancing protocols by maintaining a distance of 6 ft from each other at all times, while visiting.
- Small group rentals are available.
- Open gym time is available Monday - Thursday. All time slots are 45 minutes and reservations are required.
- In-person classes, programs and activities are now available.
- The fitness suite remains open by appointment only. Appointment times are available in 1-hour increments.
 - Access to showers, lockers, mats, balls, etc. are not permitted at this time.
- The walking track is open during regular building hours and available on a first come, first serve basis. The track is limited to four (4) people maximum at a time.

Library

Library services are available at the Taylor Building, located at 2 Walker Street in Kittery. The Taylor Building is open for regular business hours Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The Rice Public Library Building is under construction and will remain closed until April 2022.

For more information about contact free services and resources at the library, please [click here](#).

- Patrons will be required to wear a face covering and follow social distancing protocols by maintaining a distance of 6 ft from each other at all times, while visiting.
- 10 patrons will be allowed inside the building at a time.
- Patrons are asked to limit visits to 15 minutes.
- Access to public computers is not available at this time.

Harbor

Mooring renewals, and other harbor-related permits can be completed online by [clicking here](#).

- The public will be required to follow social distancing protocols by maintaining a distance of 6 ft from each other at all times, while utilizing outdoor public spaces.
 - The public is encouraged to wear face coverings in outdoor public spaces when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.
- There will be no restrictions to fishing and the public use of piers.
- Float-In is scheduled for April 26, 2021.

Fort Foster

For a full overview of the Fort Foster Rules & Regulations, please visit the Town of Kittery website, by [clicking here](#).

- The public will be required to follow social distancing protocols by maintaining a distance of 6 ft from each other at all times while utilizing outdoor public spaces.

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- The gates at Fort Foster will remain open for parking inside the park, until Thursday, April 15, 2021.
- The park will be closed to vehicular traffic from Thursday, April 15, 2021 to the season opening for all visitors, Saturday, May 1, 2021.
- When the park is open for the season, access for dogs and leash requirements will be per Title 12 of the Kittery Town Code. Access Kittery's Town Code online by [clicking here](#).
- Day passes will be available for purchase by credit card at the Fort Foster Gatehouse during the season.
- Season passes can be purchased at Town Hall, or online by [clicking here](#).
- Bathrooms, beaches and playgrounds will be open.
- Pavilions will remain closed at this time.

Seapoint & Crescent Beaches

For information regarding Seapoint & Crescent Beaches, including dog access and leash requirements, please [click here](#).

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Foreside

- Sidewalk accommodations for businesses in the Foreside will be reinstalled by Monday, May 10, 2021, with the return of the painted jersey barriers.
 - An invitation for artists proposals is available on the Town of Kittery website, [located here](#).
- Local businesses and restaurants must follow Maine's guidelines to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. For more information on best practices for safely operating businesses, please visit the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development's website by [clicking here](#).

Please be advised that the situation may change pending additional information. Further updates will be provided to the community as we receive them.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the U.S. CDC's website, which can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

If you have questions, please contact Kendra Amaral at 207-475-1329 or kamaral@kitteryme.org.

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